(3) To coordinate and bring convergence within and among agricultural and wasteland development programmes being implemented in rainfed areas of the country.

(4) To identify rainfed areas in different States which need priority attention and prepare watershed development programmes for integrated natural resource management in consultation with States, focusing on multi dimensional crop, livestock, horticulture, agri-pasture integrated systems and programmes for landless farming communities.

(5) To identify gaps in input supply, credit availability, dissemination of appropriate technology and other requirements relevant for rainfed areas.

(6) Guide the implementing agencies on priority setting and monitor the specific interventions required.

(7) To develop plans/programmes for capacity building of Centre/ State Government functionaries in rainfed areas.

(8) To suggest modalities to strengthen National and State Level Institutions concerned with rainfed/dry land areas, and establish institutional linkages with prioritized watersheds.

(9) Monitor disbursement of rural credit/insurance cover/safety net programmes developed for rainfed areas.

(10) Set the research agenda including a critical appraisal of ongoing programmes and promote diffusion of required knowledge for integrated farming in rainfed areas to district and lower level authorities.

(11) To evaluate the effectiveness of completed watersheds and concurrent evaluation of on-going programmes.

Ban on fishing trawlers

3990. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned fishing trawlers as per Murari Committee Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have signed agreements with Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh so that Indian fishermen can fish in their territorial waters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Murari Committee in its report recommended that all permits issued for fishing by joint venture/ charter/lease/test fishing should immediately be cancelled subject to legal processes as may be required. No renewal, extension or new licence/ permits be issued in future for fishing to joint venture/charter/lease/test fishing vessels. This has been complied with. Subsequently, no fishing vessel flying foreign flag is permitted to fish in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Integrated Income risk management mechanism

3991. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering any proposal of integrated income risk management mechanism for farmers on the eventuality of losing their expected income by various reasons, *i.e.* flood, drought etc. as this mechanism is successfully going on in the western world.

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented In the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal regarding integrated income risk management mechanism, at present, under consideration of the Government.